

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
POLLUTION REPORT

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POLREP NO.: Three (3).
INCIDENT/SITE NO.: W0593
POLLUTANT: Volatile and aromatic organics, heavy metals,
oil.
CLASSIFICATION: Major
SOURCE: Muratti Environmental site.
LOCATION: State Road 385, Km. 3.5, Tallaboa Ward,
Penuelas, P.R.
AMOUNT: Unknown.
AFFECTED MEDIUM: Air, soil and water.

1. SITUATION:

Same as Pol Rep No. 1.

2. ACTION TAKEN:

- A. On 31 May 1990, Mr. Santos Gonzales, Designated Coordinator (DC), submitted to EPA his Curriculum Vitae, permits for transporting hazardous wastes and the training documentation for the Ashland Chemical Company personnel that will perform activities at the Muratti site.
- B. On 1 June 1990, Mr. Osvaldo Muratti submits to EPA the bi-weekly report. The report informs the activities undertaken up to 31 May 1990. This biweekly report is required by Paragraph 42 of the Order.
- C. On 4 June 1990, EPA received the following documents submitted by Ashland Chemical Co: a Work Plan, a Contingency Plan and Ashland Chemical Financial Insurance documents (to comply with Paragraph 40 of the Order). The submitted documents were considered unacceptable.
- D. On 4 June 1990, TAT visited the site and observed that various warning signs written in English and Spanish were installed throughout the perimeter of the site. The caption of the signs does not comply with the requirements of Paragraph 25 of the Order which states that the signs must warn the public that entry to the site may be dangerous to the human health because of the presence of hazardous substances at the site.

It was observed that the fence still needed repairs in order to have a security fence that completely surrounds the site. The fence repair/replacement is in non-compliance with the requirements of the Order.

- E. On 5 June 1990, Mr Osvaldo Muratti notifies EPA that Ashland Chemical Co., removal contractor, and Mr. Santos Gonzales (DC), withdrew from the case.
- F. On 11 June 1990, Law Environmetal Inc., notified EPA that the new Designated Coordinator (DC) and Alternate Designated Coordinator are Mr. Kenneth J Seefried, Jr., and Mr. Neville Anderson, respectively. The Curriculum Vitae for Mr. Anderson was included with the letter.
- G. On 11 June 1990, EPA/TAT prepared a draft letter for Mr. Osvaldo Muratti notifying his non-compliance with the following Paragraphs of the Order On Consent:
 - o Paragrapah 25: Security Fence and Warning Signs.

- o Paragraph 26: Inventory and Securing of Leaking Drums.
- o Paragraph 35: Plans and Reports Requiring EPA Approval.
- o Paragraph 37: Designated Coordinator, Other Personnel.
- o Paragraph 40: Insurance/Financial Responsibility.

As of 11 June 1990, compliance with the above mentioned Paragraphs had not been achieved.

- H. On 12 June 1990, EPA received the Law Environmental Inc. Stament of Qualifications for Remedial Investigations/Feasibility Studies and the Health and Safety Plan for the Wastes Analysis at the Muratti site. These documents were evaluated by TAT. On 15 June 1990, a draft letter requesting additional information and/or clarification, was sent by fax to Mr. Bill Imber, Law Environmental, Inc., QA/QC Officer for the Muratti site. A site diagram and a site location map were included with the letter.
- I. On 18 June 1990, EPA received the Work Plan (prepared by Law Environmental) for the removal activities to be performed at the Muratti site. The Plan was submitted to comply with Paragraph 27 and 28 of the Order. This document includes the following Plans: Field Sampling Plan, Quality Assurance Project Plan, Site Management Plan, Health and Safety Plan, Contingency Plan and Time Schedule.
- J. On 22 June 1990, Law Environmental submitted to EPA an additional Workplan that describes the activities to be performed during the first phases of the removal activities. These are: Fence repairs, installation of the appropriate warning signs, clearing of shrubs, and inventory and securing of all containers on site.
- K. On 12 June 1990, the laboratory results of the Union Carbide Corporation (UCC) well water sample and the DG Enterprises (DGE) well water sample were recieved by TAT.

3. MEASURES WHICH COULD AVOID RELEASES OF SIMILAR NATURE:

Unknown at this time.

4. FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

- A. Laboratory results will be evaluated to determine the extent of the removal action to be performed at the site.
- B. EPA will evaluate the submitted Work Plan for the pre-removal activities.
- C. EPA will continue to oversight the pre-removal activities being conducted by the responsible party.
- C. EPA will continue the Enforcement action against ROHO Investment Corp.

FURTHER POLREPS FORTHCOMING: ✓. FINAL POLREP: .

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